

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP EG US  
SUBJECT: GENERAL GAMASY'S VISIT TO U.S. -- "ISSUES AND  
- ANSWERS"

REF: A. STATE 140535, B. CAIRO 14098

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL GAMASY JUNE 3 ABOUT HIS VISIT TO U.S., I TOLD HIM THERE WAS ONE ITEM ON HIS SCHEDULE ABOUT WHICH WE HAD HAD SECOND THOUGHTS (I DID NOT THINK HE WOULD CATCH ALL THENUANCES IN THE PHRASE "ESCAPED TIMELY SCRUTINY") AND THAT WAS HIS SUGGESTED APPEARANCE ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM. I EXPLAINED NATURE OF THE PROGRAM AND THE NATIONWIDE PUBLIC ATTENTION THAT WOULD BE DRAWN TO HIS APPEARANCE ON IT. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS AND GHORBAL WE HAD CONCLUDED THAT SUCH AN APPEARANCE WOULD BE IN APPROPRIATE. GAMASY RESPONDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS PROPOSAL HAD COME FROM EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE HAD ASKED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MILITARY ATTACHE WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. AFTER HEARING MY DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE PROGRAM WAS LIKE AND OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF HIS APPEARING ON IT, HE WAS RELEIVED THAT AMBASSADOR GHORBAL WAS CANCELLING THIS ITEM FROM HIS  
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SCHEDULE. GENERAL GAMASYWEN ON THAT THIS WAS NOT THE KIND OF THING HE ENJOYED AND HE WAS GRATEFUL TO US FOR SUGGESTING THAT IT BE DELETED. GAMASY THEN SCRATCHED OUT THE "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" ITEM FROM THE PRINTED PROGRAM IN ARABIC THAT HE HAD IN FRONT OF HIM.

2. COMMENT: I TRUST THAT AMBASSADOR GHORBAL WILL MAKE

SURE THIS ITEM IS DROPPED WITHOUT CAUSING A FLAP.  
GAMASY DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT TO BE ON THE PROGRAM.  
INCIDENTALLY, HE MENTIONED IN PASSING HE WOULD BE GIVING  
A 10-MINUTE INTERVIEW TO ONE OF THE AMERICAN TV NETWORK  
REPSRESENTATIVES IN CAIRO THIS AFTERNOON. MATTHEWS

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